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1. Prior to January 1951, a Soviet military office was located in Katowice (Q 51/Y 57), in the eastern wing of the building of the Polish railway management, which is located directly north of the main railroad station. Source learned from friends working in the railway management office that this office was a Soviet transport control headquarters. Source observed Soviet officers arriving at and departing from the building by car.
2. Prior to the summer of 1950, source observed Soviet officers and EM, who had a number of offices in that section of the Polish railway headquarters building which borders on ul. Mieleckiego. A military sentry guarded the entrance to this section of the building on ul. Mieleckiego. Prior to October 1950, Soviet officers and EM were constantly observed in the Soviet office on the east side of ul. Czerwonej Armii, about 500 meters north of the Rynek River. Up to 15 jeeps were seen there at different times. *
3. Between 1948 and October 1950, source observed a military training ground in the Zalenie Forest, south of the suburb of Zalenie and on the south side of the road to Kochlowice (Q 51/Y 57). A target range including several units was being constructed there during the first half of 1950. A new settlement which was constructed in 1948 and 1949 was located north of this training ground. Prior to October 1950, Polish troops wearing khaki uniforms with blue service color were frequently observed being trained. The soldiers were billeted in the barracks on ul. Koszarowa. The training was exclusively infantry combat training. The troops were also frequently observed training in house to house fighting in the new settlement. No armored or other vehicles were observed. The troops were equipped with light infantry weapons. Prior to October 1950, other military units including military schools were not identified at the post. Border Guard (WOP) units and offices were not located in Katowice. Civilians arrested for smuggling were taken to a WOP office in Clewitz (Q 51/Y 37). **
4. The Polish recruiting district office was located on the west side of ul. Czerwonej Armii, approximately opposite the Soviet office. Examinations for

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the draft were held in the South Park Restaurant. The main office of the Polish Security Police (UB) was located in a separate, large multi-story brick building between ul. Powstancow and ul. Ligonja. A sentry wearing a blue service color uniform was observed on ul. Lompy. A Militia office was located on the southwest side of ul. Mickiewicza. The motor vehicles of the Militia office were located in a garage opposite the office.

5. Military and Polish security service installations listed in the 1950 Katowice Post and Telegraph District telephone directory included: Polish Army office on ul. Koszarowa; military post headquarters at 10 ul. Armii Czerwonej; military post prosecutor, (Wojskowa Prokuratura Garnizonowa) at 22 ul. Dabrowskiego; military district prosecutor, (Wojskowa Prokuratura Rejonowa) at 10 ul. Czerwonej Armii; military district court (Wojskowy Sad Rejonowy) at 10 ul. Czerwonej Armii; military construction office at 40 ul. Sikorskiego; Militia voivodeship headquarters at 9 ul. Kielinskiego and post headquarters at 35 ul. Francuska; UB voivodeship office at 49 ul. Powstancow; Polish Labor Service (SP) voivodeship headquarters with one office at 45 ul. Warszawska, a second at 21 ul. Mlynska, and a third at 15 ul. Mariacka.

* [REDACTED] Comment. No Soviet units are carried in Katowice. It is believed that source observed the Soviet transport control headquarters which is attached to the Polish railway headquarters.

** [REDACTED] Comment. Judging from the blue service color it is believed that source observed an Internal Security (KBW) unit. The unit may be identical with the 6th KBW Regt carried in Katowice. However, a later report indicated that this regiment was also equipped with heavy infantry weapons and light armored vehicles. According to another report, an officers and NCOs tank school was also located in Katowice after June 1951 in addition to the KBW regiment. [REDACTED]

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